GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Allegations levelled against Sri. P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality as he had failed to follow the Government Instructions issued in the Circular Memo. No.1320/659/A2/W & M/2007 dated 11.12.2007 of the Finance (W&M) Department in hiring private vehicles to the Srikakulam Municipality and exhibited lack of supervision on the work of his subordinate - Departmental Proceedings under Rule-20 of the A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 841 **Dated: 05-09-2018**

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri. P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The statement of articles of charges and statement of imputations of misconduct and misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Annexures I & II. A list of witnesses by whom and a list of documents by which, the articles of charges proposed to be sustained are also enclosed in Annexures III & IV.

3. Sri. P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality is directed to submit his written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri. P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri. P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri. P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that above said Sri. P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality

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is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.V.Ramalingeswar, former Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam **through** the DMA, AP, Guntur.

Copy to:
The Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur.
The Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to APVC, 5th block, AP Secretariat.
SF/SCs.

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Annexure-I to G.O.Rt.No.841 , M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I) Dept., Dated: 05.09.2018

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PULLURU VENKATA RAMALINGESWARA S/O LAKSHMAMMA, FORMER MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, SRIKAKULAM MUNICIPALITY, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT.

Sri Pulluru Venkata Ramalingeswar S/o Lakshamma, Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District Joined in Government Service 29.03.2001 as Municipal Commissioner, Gr-lll and Posted at Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram District. He was promoted as Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District on 28.3.2011 and he worked as such till 20.08.2013. While working as such he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

ARTICLE NO.1:

Sri Pulluru Venkata Ramalingeswar while working as Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District violated the instructions issued in Circular Memo No.1320/659/A2/VV&M/2007 dated 11.12.2007 of the Finance (W&M) Department in hiring private vehicles to the municipality and hired a car which was not registered as taxi.

Thus Sri Pulluru Venkata Ramalingeswar has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and failed to supervise the work of his subordinate and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), (2) & (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Annexure-II to
G.O.Rt.No.841,M.A.&U.D.(Vig.I)Dept.,Dated:05.09.2018

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PULLURU VENKATA RAMALINGESWAR S/O LAKSHMAMMA, PREVIOSLY MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, SRIKAKULAM MUNICIPALITY, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

Sri Pulluru Venkata Ramalingeswar S/o Lakshmamma, Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District Joined in Government Service 29.03.2001 as Municipal Commissioner, Gr-lll and posted at Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram District. He was promoted as Municipal Commissioner, Grade-l on 03.04.2009. He was posted as Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District on 28.03.2011 to till 20.08.2013. He born on 03.03.1975 and he will attain the age of superannuation on 31.03.2035. He is here - in – after called as Government Servant.

CHARGE-1

The Govt. Servant while working as Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District violated the instructions issued in Circular Memo No.1320/659/A2/VV&M/2007 dated 11.12.2007 of the Finance (W&M) Department in hiring private vehicles to the municipality and hired a car which was not registered as taxi.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

Brief facts of the case are that a Telugu petition dated nil purported to have been submitted by Sri Raghava, 7th line, P.N. Colony, Srikakulam addressed to the AP Lokayuktha, Hyderabad. The Registrar, AP Lokayuktha forwarded the same to the DG, ACB, AP, Hyderabad for taking necessary action in the allegations mentioned in the petition vide Letter Dis.No.2579/2013/B2/5088/2013 dated 17.09.2013 of the Registrar, AP Lokayuktha. It is alleged in the Petition that the GS hired his personal car to Srikakulam Municipality and other allegations. Basing on the above petition, the Director General, ACB, AP, Hyderabad was pleased to order a regular enquiry into the allegations in the reference cited and the same was entrusted to the DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram for conducting enquiry vide Rc.No.30/RE-VSK/2013 dated 08.10.2013 of the DG, ACB, AP, Hyderabad.

During the course of enquiry, the relevant file were collected from the O/o the Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality regarding the hiring of private vehicles bearing No.s AP 30 J 0171 and AP 30 R 2727 and concerned logbooks were examined with the assistance of officials of Transport Department.

On verification of the above said files, it came to light that the vehicles hired by the Municipality were taken from Sri Bheemaraya Pattana Dalitha Sankshema Sangham, Srikakulam. Sri D.Tirumala Rao is acting as the president of Sri Bheemaraya Pattana Dalitha Sankshema Sangham. The ownership of car bearing No. AP 30 J 0171 stands in the name of Sri D. Tirulmala Rao during the period of car hired to Srikakulam Municipality. The car bearing No. AP 30 R 0171 stands in the name of Smt.D.Ratnakumari, W/o Tirumala Rao. Though the cars are related to Bheemaraya Pattana

Dalitha Sankshema Sangham Society, both the cars are registered as non-transport vehicles. On verification of the logbooks of the hired cars, it is found that the Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam travelled prescribed as fixed by the Govt., on his officials duties.

The District Registrar, Srikakulam vide his Lr.No.G4/67/2014 dated: 23.01.2014 furnished that Sri Bheemaraya Pattana Dalitha Sankshema Sangham. Srikakulam was registered as No.109/2003 in their office under society registration act, 35/2001. He also furnished that the society is actively working till date and Sri D.Tirumala Rao is the active president of the said society.

The Executive Director, S.C. Corporation, Srikakulam vide her letter Rc.No.1629/2014/E/AEO dated 22.01.2014 furnished that there is no role of SC Corporation in hiring private vehicles to Srikakulam Municipality and Sri Bheemaraya Pattana Dalitha Sankshema Sangham, Srikakulam is no way concerned with SC Corporation.

The information furnished by the Dy. Transport Commissioner, Srikakulam vide his letter R.No.911/B1/2013 dated 30.12.2013 that the car bearing No. AP 30 J 0171 is of Tata Indica DLS V2 BS lll and was registered in the name of Ch.Venkatarao, near Krishna Park, Srikakulam and it is transferred to his name on 25.02.2013 from D Tirumala Rao, Gunapalem, Srikakulam.

The information furnished by the Dy. Transport Commissioner, Srikakulam vide his letter R.No.9110/B1/2013 dated 24.01.2014 that the car bearing No. AP 30 R 0171 is of Mahindra Verito 2 BLS lll and registered in the name of Deergasi Ratnakumari, W/o Tirumala Rao, Gunapalem, Srikakulam mandal on19.04.2013 and also he furnished the copy of R. No.7396/B2/2013 dated 22.01.2014 regarding the clarification for the proposal of condemnation of Govt. jeep bearing No. AP 30 B 2727 in response to the Letter Rc No. 1220/2011-12/E1 dated 22.05.2013 of Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality.

On the requisition of the Investigating Officer, the Dy. Transport Commissioner, Srikakulam deputed Sri R.Govindaraju. Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o the DTC, Srikakulam for verification of concerned vehicle records and the vehicles physically and to submit a report.

After due verification by the Motor Vehicle Inspector, the Dy. Transport Commissioner, Srikakulam vide his Letter R. No. 9110/B1 2013 dated 10.06.2014 furnished the verification report dated 09.06.2014 of Sri R.Govindaraju, Motor Inspector, O/o DTC, Srikakulam.

On perusal of the said verification report, it came to light that the govt. jeep bearing No. AP 30 B 2727 was utilized and run more than 2,50,000 Kms. The Motor Vehicle Inspector furnished that the vehicle used more than 2,50,000 Kms will be deemed to be unserviceable and fit for condemnation vide G.O.Ms.No.333 dated 31.07.1997 of the General Administration (OP.ll) Dept. and no formal condemnation order will be required will be required from any authority.

Further, the Motor Vehicle Inspector informed that Sri P.V.Ramalingeswar, Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality

violated the instructions issued in the Circular Memo. No.1320/659/A2/ VV&M/2007 dated 11.12.2007 of the Finance (VV&M) Department in hiring of private vehicles to the municipality. The Circular memo cited clearly indicates that the private vehicles that are registered as Taxis can only be hired for Government duty.

During the course of enquiry, the hired car owner Sri Deerghasi Tirumal Rao was examined and he is the president of Sri Bheemaraya Pattana Dalitha Sankshema Sangham, Srikakulam. He doesn't know about the condition of having taxi registration to hire the cars to Govt.Departments.

Thus the Government Servant has violation the instructions issued in the Circular Memo No. 1320/659/A2/VV&M/2007 dated 11.12.2007 of the Finance (VV&M) Department in hiring of private vehicles to the municipality.

Thus, the Govt. Servant by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. servant and failed to supervise the work of his subordinate and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action.

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Annexure-III to G.O.Rt.No.841,M.A.&U.D.(Vig.I)Dept.,Dated: 05.09.2018

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. K.Rammohana Rao, Municipal Commissioner l/c, Municipal Engineer, Srikakulam municipality.
2. R.Satyanarayana, District Registrar, Srikakulam District, Srikakulam
3. Ch.Mahalakshm, Executive Director SC Corporation, Srikakulam District, Srikakulam
4. Dy. Transport Commissioner, Srikakulam District
5. R.Govindaraju, Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o the Dy. Transport Commissioner, Srikakulam.
6. Deerghasi Tirumala Rao, S/o Achutha Rao, Gunapalem, Srikakulam.
7. Authorized Signatory, HDFC Bank Limited, Green Park Road, Visakhapatnam.
8. Sri SK.Ghouse Azad, Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range.
9. Sri K.Ranga Raju, Dy. Supdt. Of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range.

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Annexure-IV to G.O.Rt.No.841,M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I) Dept.,Dated: 05.09.2018

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Two Files related to the hiring private vehicles to Srikakulam municipality
2. Log books of Govt. vehicle bearing No. AP 30 B 2727
3. Log books of hire car
4. Lr.No.G4/67/2014 dated 23.01.2014 of the District Registrar, Srikakulam
5. Rc. No.1629/2014/E/AEO/ dated 22.01.2014 of the Executive Director, S.C. Corporation, Srikakulam
6. Letter R.No.9110/B1/2013 dated 30.12.2013 of the DTC, Srikakulam
7. Letter R.No.9110/B1/2013 dated 24.01.2014 of the DTC, Srikakulam
8. Letter R.No.9110/B1/2013 dated 10.06.2014 of the DTC, Srikakulam along with the verification report of the Motor Vehicle Inspector.
9. Letter No. Nil dated 17.02.2014 of the Authorized Signatory, HDFC Bank, Ltd., Green Park Road, Visakhapatnam.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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